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TO-DAY'S LATEST WAR TELEGRAMS.

GERMANS SCARED OVER RUSSIA'S NEW OFFENSIVE.

BIG FORCE TO BE WITHDRAWN FROM THE BALKANS.

The Situation in Athens Complicated and Acute.

FORTY BRITISH WARSHIPS BOMBARD BELGIAN COAST.

[Reuter's Service to the "Telegraph."]

GERMAN-AMERICAN OUTRAGES.

30 KILLED IN FACTORY EXPLOSION.

December 1, 3.05 p.m.
A mysterious explosion in a powder factory at Wilmington, Delaware, is reported, as a result of which 30 men were killed. The factory officials state that placards had been posted in the vicinity warning Teuton workers to quit work if they valued their lives.

AUSTRALIAN WAR LOAN.

FOR TEN MILLIONS STERLING.

December 1, 3.05 p.m.
Reuter's Melbourne correspondent states that the prospectus has been issued of the Four and Half Per Cent. Commonwealth War Loan of ten millions sterling. Applications close on January 31 next.

BOMBARDMENT OF BELGIAN COAST.

40 BRITISH WARSHIPS TAKE PART.

December 1, 3.05 p.m.
According to Reuter's Amsterdam correspondent, the Telegraph states that the British Squadron which bombarded the Belgian coast on Tuesday consisted of forty vessels.

CANADA'S WAR LOAN.

AMOUNT TWICE COVERED.

December 1, 3.05 p.m.
Reuter's correspondent at Ottawa says the Minister of Finance has announced that the subscriptions to the \$50,000,000 War Loan have amounted to \$100,000,000. It has not been decided whether the Loan shall be increased to the amount subscribed.

HIS MAJESTY.

ON THE WAY TO COMPLETE RECOVERY.

December 1, 3.05 p.m.
His Majesty the King till very recently has had to make use of a couple of sticks when attempting to walk unaided. To-day he managed to get about with a single walking-stick, both at the Palace and at Marlborough House.

Although His Majesty is still unable to use his right leg freely, he is well on the way to complete recovery.

TO-DAY'S LATEST WAR TELEGRAMS.

M. P.'S AND THE WAR.

NEW ORGANISATION DESIRED.

December 2.
Private discussions are in progress on both sides in the House of Commons with the view to the formation of an organisation to bring pressure to bear on the Government to ensure a most vigorous prosecution of the war.

THE AUSTRALIAN HARVEST.

A RECORD YIELD FORECASTED.

December 2.
Reuter's correspondent at Adelaide says the Government Statist forecasts the aggregate yield of the harvest at 27,250,000 bushels, which is a record for the State production. The area cropped is 350,000 acres above last year.

CONSUMPTION OF COAL.

BOARD OF TRADE'S ADVICE.

December 2.
The Board of Trade directs attention to the probability of an increasing consumption of coal in industrial areas and a reduced output from the mines owing to the enlistment of miners.

The Board recommends industrial consumers to make their contracts and not trust to an open market.

MR. ROOSEVELT HITS OUT.

PINS THE RESPONSIBILITY ON NEUTRALS.

December 2.
Reuter's New York correspondent states that Mr. Roosevelt, in a letter declining to attend a meeting to protest against the Armenian massacres, says the nation is too timid to protect its own citizens from murder and outrage or to speak on behalf of Belgium. It will therefore not carry much weight by any protest on behalf of the Jews and Armenians. Germany's criminal responsibility for the iniquities of the past eighteen months must, he says, be shared by neutrals headed by the United States.

BRITISH YOUNG MEN.

NOT TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY.

December 2.
An Order-in-Council requires every person leaving the United Kingdom to be provided with a valid passport not more than two years old, while Britishers of military age must hold passports issued since November 11. These will not be granted except for satisfactory reasons.

MORE VESSELS SUNK.

December 1, 6.55 p.m.
The steamer Kingeway has been sunk. Five men are missing.

December 2, 11.40 p.m.

Reuter's correspondent at Malta states that the British steamer Malimbo has been sunk. Two lifeboats brought in the crew, who were exhausted after battling with a storm for 24 hours.

THE RUSSIANS.

CONSEQUENCES OF NEW OFFENSIVE.

December 2, 11.40 p.m.
Reuter's correspondent at Zurich says it is reported that, in view of the powerful offensive which the Russians are preparing in Galicia, a large German force has been withdrawn from Bulgaria and sent to the south-eastern front from several battalions, while Bulgarians are being sent to Gallipoli instead of the promised German reinforcements.

GERMANY AND HOLLAND.

NO SECRET TREATY.

December 2, 11.40 p.m.
Reuter's correspondent at Amsterdam states that the Premier has denied the existence of a secret Treaty between Germany and Holland.

GREECE AND THE BALKANS.

THE SITUATION RATHER ACUTE.

December 2, 11.40 p.m.
A message from Athens says the situation remains complicated and rather acute.

TO-DAY'S LATEST WAR TELEGRAMS.

BRITISH CASUALTIES.

DETAILED FIGURES OF OUR LOSSES.

December 2, 1.55 p.m.
Mr. Asquith, in a written answer to a question, announces that the total British casualties for the Army and Navy up to November 9 were 510,230, of which the number was:—

Officers.	Men.
Western front	4,820 69,272
Dardanelles	1,604 21,531
The Navy	539 9,928

CALLING UP FRENCH TROOPS.

(Paris Telegram.)

December 1.
The Chamber of Deputies has fixed the 5th of January as the date for incorporating the 1917 Class under the Colour.

In the event of telegrams arriving too late for insertion on this page they will be found on the Extra.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

GERMAN INFLUENCE IN CHINA.

A NEW BRITISH MOVE.

December 1, 1.25 p.m.
An Order-in-Council has been gazetted, the object of which is the excluding of German influence from British Companies in China. The Order provides that the majority of directors of a China company shall be British subjects resident within British jurisdiction, and none but British subjects may be appointed auditors, liquidators, and receivers. The Order comes into force on January 1 next.

NEUTRAL OPINION.

TWO SIGNIFICANT FACTS.

December 1, 1.25 p.m.
Two significant facts reflecting bedrock neutral opinion as to the result of the war are that the New York exchange rate on Berlin is now below eighty per cent, and that Holland is supporting the French Loan more strongly than any previous foreign loan. The new low level to which the mark has fallen in New York is attributed to economic conditions in Germany becoming worse.

WORKERS AND THE WAR.

THE PRIME MINISTER'S REQUEST.

December 1, 3.35 p.m.
At the conference of Trade Union representatives, Mr. Asquith pointed out the enormous economic and financial burdens necessary for carrying on the war, but added that our shoulders were broad enough to bear the burden. He was confident that all classes would gladly and joyfully make the necessary sacrifices. He asked the Trade Union leaders to use their influence to prevent a general demand for higher wages, and affirmed that since the war began there had been a rise, in some cases a substantial, rise in wages, and, even allowing for the increased cost of living, the workers were better off now than before the war.

DISTRIBUTION OF LEAFLETS.

December 1, 9.00 p.m.
The Trades Union Conference has resolved that copies of the speeches of Mr. Asquith, Mr. McKenna, and Mr. Runciman be printed and distributed among Trades Unionists with the request that they should give the matter favourable consideration.

THE KING.

LUNCH WITH QUEEN ALEXANDRA.

December 1, 10.55 p.m.
The King, on his first outing since the accident, called with the Queen to congratulate Queen Alexandra on her birthday, remaining to luncheon. Subsequently, Earl Kitchener had an audience with His Majesty.

A CORRECTION.

December 1, 6.10 p.m.
The following is a corrected version of a telegram sent on November 26:—To be Honorary Aide-de-Camp to Field Marshal Sir John French, Honorary Lieutenant Colonel Muhammad Ali Beg, Nawab Sir Afzalirang of Hyderabad.

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TELEGRAMS.
NEWS FOR BUSY MEN.

CONDENSED.
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DON'T FORGET.

TO-DAY.

Bijou Theatre—9.15 p.m.

Victoria Theatre—9.15 p.m.

TO-MORROW.

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Victoria Theatre—9.15 p.m.

Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd.—Extraordinary General Meeting.—Noon.

China Traders' Insurance Co., Ltd.—Extraordinary General Meeting.—12.15 p.m.

Monday, December 6.

Council Chamber.—Licensing Board meeting.—2.30 p.m.

Thursday, December 9.

Moira, Jobstone, Stokes and Masters' Office.—Meeting of shareholders, William Powell, Ltd.—7 p.m.

Monday, December 13.

Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd.—Extraordinary general meeting, noon.

GENERAL NEWS.

Japanese Representative for Bern. It is reported on good authority, says a Berlin telegram from Bern, that the Japanese Government will shortly appoint a diplomatic representative there. It is understood that Count Ochiai, Japanese Consul-General at Mukden, has been selected for the post.

Pay of French Soldiers Raised. The Army Committee of the Chamber of Deputies has decided to recommend that the pay of French soldiers be increased from 5 francs to 25 francs a day as from July 1st, 1915. The change would mean an increased expenditure of about 150,000,000 a year.

Death of M. Poincaré's Secretary. Paris, Oct. 18.—M. Félix Dacor, Civil Secretary of the President of the Republic died suddenly last night at the Elysée. M. Dacor, who had been a prominent member of the Paris Bar, was a personal friend of M. Poincaré, who called him to the Elysée to replace M. A. Pichon, mobilized at the beginning of the war. His death is a great loss to the Elysée.

Our Educated Comp's Rival. Says the Japan Chronicle:—The Oriental composer has an amiable habit, when he comes across an unfamiliar word, of substituting a familiar one that bears a resemblance to it. Few papers in the East have escaped recording the gallant deeds of the Austrians in Gallipoli or the defeat of the Australians in Galicia. A Chinese contemporary has recently had the Americans terminated by the Turks, which is more interesting still.

Death of an Irish Poet. London, Oct. 19.—The death took place on Saturday at Ballinruean, Hale, Cheshire, of Mr. Standish Hayes O'Grady. He was the eldest son of the late Admiral O'Grady, of Errington House, Co. Clare, and was born about 1830. He was a Gaelic scholar and poet of repute and a lifelong student of the ancient literature of Ireland. Among his chief works were "Silva Gadelica" and "Adventures of Donnchadh Ruadh Mac Con-Mara," translated from the Irish into English verse. Alleged Official Waste of £200,000.

London, Oct. 18.—Mr. Pratt will ask Mr. Lloyd George on Tuesday whether he has any official information to the effect that on May 8 Messrs. Burne, Bassick, and Co., of New York, through a London representative, made an offer to the Government of 2,000,000 shells, at 17 dollars apiece; whether this offer was refused by the Government on July 19; and whether, before that date, Messrs. Morgan, of New York, purchased these same shells for the Government at 15 dollars each.

"Some" Journalism. The following example of how to write "Society" news is taken from the *Houston News* (Ind.):—"The bride and groom presented a regal spectacle, never equalled since the proud Cleopatra sailed down the perfumed lotus-bearing Nile in her gilded pageant to meet Mark Anthony while all the world stood agape at the unheeded triumph. To describe the bride's costume, beggars the English language and imagination feels faint and feeble before the Herculean task. She was gorgeously arrayed in a calico house dress, and a pair of lace curtains floated like a dream about her figure."

Reported Cure for Diabetes. New York, Oct. 10.—The Rockefeller Foundation for Medical Research has discovered what the American *Journal of Medical Sciences* announces as a positive cure for diabetes. The work conducted on patients in Lakeside Hospital, Cleveland, and in the Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, is convincing as to the efficacy of the remedy.

The basis of the remedy is bisulphite of sodium with a small amount of salt. In extreme cases the treatment is given hypodermically. Dr. H. F. Bigger, Mr. Rockefeller's personal physician, in an interview, says that the most extreme cases have responded to the remedy.

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TRADE POSSIBILITIES IN CHINA.

Mr. Ainscough's Opinions.

Mr. T. M. Ainscough, of the Commercial Intelligence Department of the Board of Trade, has just returned to London after a tour of investigation in China and Manchuria. Of the twenty-one provinces virtually eight were covered—that is, the main trade route was fully toured.

In a special interview Mr. Ainscough stated that the war has certainly not had a stimulating effect in China. It has, however, thrown China upon her own resources. Speaking generally, the trade in China is in a state of transition. This has been largely brought about since 1900 by increased competition, mainly German and Austrian, and latterly Japanese. In the old days the trade was centred in very few ports, such as Shanghai and Hongkong. With the advent of German and other competitors some new method had to be devised if they were to obtain a footing in the trade at all. They were obliged to turn their attention to the less well-known dealers and also to the great problem of direct distribution.

The lines in which German penetration has occurred, in the interior (Mr. Ainscough contended), have been in arms and munitions, general machinery—especially electrical—and saline dyes. A well-known German electrical company, who opened their office in Shanghai some eight years ago with a staff of two now employ at least a dozen trained electrical engineers. They have branches at six or eight principal trading centres in the country, and a very wide system of Chinese correspondents all through the provinces, supplying them with particulars of engineering projects which are on the point of being taken in hand. Upon receipt of such information they are prepared to send down a qualified Chinese-speaking European engineer, who entertains the Chinese, prepares plans and quotations, and usually remains on the spot until he has secured the contract.

The Cotton Industry.

The cotton industry is the best organised section of British trade in China, but even here, Mr. Ainscough says, signs are not wanting that a gradual change is coming over the methods adopted. In the past the business has been largely in the hands of the little clique of brokers and dealers, who present an almost impregnable barrier between the foreign merchant and the Chinese merchant in the interior. Until this barrier can be brought down it is difficult to see how any effective system of distribution can be evolved. We virtually control the cotton industry, but there has been a very large Japanese competition in certain lines of drills, sheetings, and jeans, and in recent years the United States, appointed by him at General Headquarters in France, and the Press Bureau is

on with bleached and dyed goods.

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INSTRUCTIONS.

instructed to accept their cen-

sorship as final. Consequently,

whatever Mr. Buchan wrote was

condoned by individuals for whom

the Press Bureau has no responsi-

bility whatever, and the article

headed to the Times for publication

was in exactly the same form

as that in which it reached this

country.

"Faults to Criticise."

If there be faults to criticise and

if there be improvements to secure,

criticism is idle and improvement

is impossible so long as the Press

Bureau is treated as the author of

what is complained of.

When a newspaper submits

copy to the Bureau the copy is

examined with a view to seeing

whether what it is proposed to

publish offends against any of a

series of prohibitions which the

Press Office, the Admiralty, or

other Government Department

concerned thinks it important to

enforce. The Press Bureau is not

the author of any of these pro-

hibitions; it is merely the medium

by which they are announced and

applied.

As the Home Secretary—after

consultation with the Press—ap-

pointed the directors, he is rightly

expected to take the responsibility

for those appointments; but the

principle on which the Bureau is

constituted is that in time of war

the fighting departments must

themselves decide what censor-

ship is needed if the enemy is not

to be assisted. And that principle

would appear to be unassail-

able.

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By Order,

"HONGKONG TELEGRAPH."

MARRIAGES.

BLACK—WALLACE.—On November 19, at the Presbyterian Church, Penang, by the Rev. W. Murray, Mr. Gordon Black, of British North Borneo, to Miss. Florence Mary Wallace, of Belfast, Ireland.

THOMSON—LESLIE.—On October 30, at Ferozepore by the Rev. W. Muspratt, John Wilken Thomson, Chartered Bank of India Australia and China, Delhi, to Hilda Ethel, youngest daughter of the late Rev. Alexander Leslie, of Folla Rule, Aberdeenshire, and of Mrs. Leslie, Gray Street, Aberdeen.

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HONGKONG, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3, 1915.

COMPANY LEGISLATION.

Our local Legislature has been much concerned with the law relating to Companies during the past few years, but we venture to think that it has had before it no more important measure on this subject than the amending Ordinance which passed its first reading yesterday. The whole question of the control of concerns managed from Hongkong and from China proper (and especially Shanghai) is involved, and complex at the present moment, but when the Imperial and local legislation thereon is in full operation it will go a long way towards straightening things out and making the control over such Companies far more effective. Even had the war not occurred, the matter was one which called for close and considered attention. Now two birds can be killed with the one stone—the existing chaos can be swept away and, at the same time, the opportunity can be seized of excluding German influence from British business concerns in the Far East.

The new Ordinance is a natural corollary to the China (Companies) Order-in-Council, the full text of which appeared in the Telegraph of the 22nd ultimo. By comparing the terms of this Order with the statement of the objects and reasons of the new Hongkong Ordinance, which we reprinted yesterday, a clear idea will be obtained of the intentions of the Imperial Government so far as they concern the Companies affected. The aims sought—namely, a predominating British influence on the directorate of these Companies and the appointment of none other than Britishers as auditors, liquidators or receivers—are to be attained by a happy co-operation between our own Supreme Court and the Supreme Court for China, and the new law, which will come into force on January 1 next, has been so closely drawn that we should never again see the anomaly of British Companies being run and controlled by alien subjects.

In addition to this main object, the new Order-in-Council and the Bill taken together, will bring about several other useful and important results. For example, there is the provision that no shares shall be issued except either as fully paid-up or upon the term that the shares shall be fully paid-up within three months of allotment—a most effectual method of overcoming the difficulty of recovering calls from persons of non-British nationality in China. Occasion is taken, too, to provide that in all matters relating to Companies managed from Hongkong the jurisdiction of our own Supreme Court and of the Supreme Court of China shall be concurrent and mutually auxiliary, while proceedings may even be transferred from one Court to another. The establishment of a Register of Companies at Shanghai is also a wise decision. It will, therefore, readily be seen that the intended revision of Company law deals with vital questions, and, what is more, deals with them in such a manner that British influence and control will be placed on a firmer basis than ever before. That is why we say the ordinance which came before the Legislative Council yesterday is of much moment and consequence as any which has claimed the attention of our Legislature for many a day past.

Out of Hand.

A few days since we made reference in this column to the unseemly scenes which characterise the arrival of the railway ferry on this side of the harbour, owing to the manner in which hordes of ricksha coolies are allowed to get out of control. Now complaints reach us of a somewhat similar nuisance on the other side of the harbour. As a rule, the coolies there are kept to their stand, but they have a little way of getting back on the Indian constable on duty there which causes a deal of annoyance to the public. Every time a ferry boat comes in they set up, in chorus, a deadly din, yelling and screaming at the guardian of the law at the top of their unusual voices. Not only is this a source of annoyance; it is also holding authority up to ridicule, and for that reason it ought not to be tolerated for a moment. It is because little abuses of this order have been permitted to go so long unnoticed that the Chinese of the lower class have so little respect for good order and hold many very desirable regulations in light esteem. In any other place than Hongkong, these refractory and insolent gentlemen would quickly be brought to their senses. There is even now time to deal with them, and we suggest that the prosecution of a big batch of them for creating a disturbance would meet the evil.

A Link with the Past.

We have heard a deal of late regarding the strengthening of the United States Navy by the addition of a number of mammoth battleships to the existing Fleet, and in view of this movement and the recent launching of a warship which is stated to be the biggest and most powerful in the world, added interest is given to an item of news which we have just come across in a New York newspaper. This records the fact that the frigate Independence, until recently the oldest ship in the U.S. Navy, has been burned in San Francisco bay for the copper in her hull. She was recently sold by the Navy Department for a sum of a little over three thousand dollars gold. By her destruction for commercial purposes an end has been brought to a career begun in 1812. At one time, it is interesting to note, the Independence was America's first flagship, and in those days she carried seventy-four guns on her three decks. She has, of course, long been out of service, having been used for many years as a receiving ship. The romantic end of this old wooden warship serves to recall the fact that it was not so very, very long ago that boats of her type were the pride of nations. The pity is that she was not preserved so that future generations might have some tangible reminder of the past.

Indian News for Hongkong.

For some special reason, which we cannot possibly fathom, Reuter appears to be under the impression that Hongkong takes a consuming interest in matters Indian. For weeks past we have been flooded with telegrams dealing in wearisome detail with the Indian Civil Service question, then, a couple of days ago we were plagued with a resume of a worthy Bishop's address on the spiritual yearnings of the Indian people, and now to-day Reuter informs us that he has been armed with his master's records to bring him up with a quite lengthy score on some little dispute concerning the Calcutta School of Art, in regard to which the Secretary of State admits his total ignorance. For the benefit of Reuter we take occasion to point out that the Indian population of Hongkong is practically a negligible quantity, and that by far the greater majority of the Indians here are not readers of English newspapers. For which reason Hongkong has not the smallest concern with Indian questions, save where they deal with large issues possessing an Imperial significance. If Reuter really has a surplus of information to get rid of, may we again suggest that he might exercise his discrimination and send us along more war news.

DAY BY DAY

WHO FIRST INVENTED WINE,
AND BOUND THE FREE
AND HOLIDAY REJOICING SPIRIT
TO THAT DRY DRUDGERY AT
THE DESK'S DEADWOOD?—Charles
Lamb.

The Weather.

At the Peak 8 a.m. Temp. 57;
sunshine.

Lower level 8 a.m. Temp. 65;
sunshine.

The Mails.

European Mail.—Closed to-day
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Kingdom Mails.—Close to-
morrow per s.s. China II a.m.

The Dollar.

The rate of the dollar on
demand to-day is 1/11 3/16.

Up to the Minute.

No change.

To-morrow's Anniversary.

To-morrow is the 15th anni-
versary of the defeat of the

Boxers at Chi-li by the Germans.

Left for Home.

Mr. H. K. Holmes left for Home
by the s.s. Sardinia to-day.

No Muzzle.

Mr. Owen, of Carnarvon Road,
Kowloon, was fined \$5 for allowing
his dog to be out without a
muzzle. The case was heard
before Mr. Hazelton this morning.

Professor Smith Fined.

Professor C. A. M. Smith, of
Hongkong University, was fined
\$5 this morning, by Mr. Hazelton,
for allowing his dog to be out without
a muzzle.

Servant Suspected.

Mrs. Spaulding, of 5, Cameron
Terrace, Kowloon, has suffered
the loss of a gold watch, valued
\$60, and money amounting to
\$25, which were stolen on Wed-
nesday from a drawer in her
bedroom. A servant who has
since absconded is suspected of
the theft.

Dead Bodies Found in the
Harbour.

Two dead bodies were found
in the Harbour yesterday by the
Water Police. One was the body
of a Chinese named Chang Wan-
po, aged 24 years; it was found
near Murray Pier. The other
was that of an unknown Chinese
woman who was found floating
near Blake Pier.

Successful Chinese Law Students.

The results of the General
examination of the Inns of Court,
held in Gray's Inn Hall in October,
included the following:—
Roman Law, Class, 2, Yong
Shou-kin, Inner Temple; Real
Property and Conveyance, Class
3, Leong Yew-koh, Inner Temple.

In the final examination result
the name appears of Loo King-
yuan, Inner Temple.

A Thief Chased.

Early this morning the watch-
man at Jardine's mess saw a man
removing iron from the premises,
and gave chase. The thief got
over the gate and the watchman,
following, caught him in an old
godown some distance away. The
thief was brought up before
Mr. Hazelton this morning, and
was sentenced to six weeks' hard
labour and four hours' stocks.

Highway Robbery.

A highway robbery with
violence occurred on the
Shaukiang Road yesterday after-
noon. It appears that a boy in
the employ of Mr. Grie, of
"Cornhill" Quarry Bay, was

proceeding towards his master's
house when he was attacked by
two men who were armed with
knives. Wounds were inflicted on

his head, face and hands, and he
was robbed of \$100, the property
of his master. The boy was later
sent to the Government Civil
Hospital. The men have not yet
been traced.

War Trophies.

Interesting trophies of the war
are on view at Messrs. Lane,
Crawford and Company's stores,
these being loaned to them by a
Hongkong gentleman who has
recently returned from England
and to whom they were given by
a friend who has seen active
service at the front. They consist
of a German infantryman's helmet
which was picked up near Ypres,
the owner of which had been shot
through the head; a shell casing
from the famous French .75 gun,
picked up at Mons; and a fine
case of a German shell which was

fired into the British lines "some-
where in France." Great public
interest has been displayed in
these exhibits.

NOTES ON THE CRISIS.

THE NEUTRALS.

The General Position.

A YEAR AGO TO-TODAY.

LEADING EVENTS IN THE
GREAT WAR.

Extracts from the war news con-
tained in the "Hongkong
Telegraph" of December 3,
1914.

Prince of Wales' Fund Totals
Four Millions.
The Prince of Wales' Fund
now totals \$4,000,000.

Serbia's Plight.

It is reported that Belgrade has
been evacuated and that com-
munication between Belgrade and
Nish is interrupted. It is officially
announced at Nish that assi-
guinary fighting is taking place
at Sonvodor. The enemy in
great force succeeded in occupying
two important positions. The same day, however, the Ser-
bians achieved a brilliant success
at Lazarovatz, and have now taken
over 2,000 prisoners there.

Moslem Loyalty.

The Amir of Afghanistan has
sent a most cordial letter to the
Viceroy regretting that Turkey is
warring against Great Britain.
This has further strengthened
Moslem opinion of Turkey's folly
in joining with Germany.

Enemy Shows More Activity.

There has been a somewhat
lively cannonade in Belgium, but
no German infantry attacks. The
enemy has continued to show
somewhat great activity north-
ward of Arras. There has
been an intermittent can-
nonade along the whole of the
front on the Aisne, and also fur-
ther fighting in Argoone without
changing the situation. There is
nothing to report in Woerre or
the Vosges. The German in-
fantry in Belgium attempted
unsuccessfully to emerge
from the trenches south of Bix-
schoote. Between Bihore and
Lons we carried the Chateau and
Park of Vervelle, by assault,
after somewhat hot encounter.
In Argoone we advanced appreci-
ably in the woods of La Grange.
On the remainder of the front
there is nothing to report.

A Berlin Story.

The first admission that the
Germans in Poland had been cut
off is contained in Berlin com-
munique issued last evening. It
says that a portion of the German
Army east of Lódz, while attack-
ing the right flank and rear of
the Russians, was seriously threat-
ened on its own rear by strong
Russian reinforcements from the
East and South. The Germans
retreated, and in a fierce battle,
lasting three days, broke through
the Russian ring, capturing 12,000
prisoners and 25 guns, without
themselves losing a single gun.

It was agreed that a booklet be
printed containing fixtures of both
Leagues, rules of both the Associa-
tion and the League, as well as
Secretaries' names and Club
colours.

The Secretary stated that several
complaints had been made by
referees about clubs playing in
similar shirts, making it very diffi-
cult for referees to distinguish the
players. He suggested that when
clubs with similar shirts were
meeting an arrangement should
be made for one of the teams to
play in white.

PROPERTY SALE

Valuable Lots Disposed of.

An important sale of property
was held at Mr. G. P. Lamerton's
sales room yesterday afternoon,
when, by order of the Supreme
Court, six lots of leasehold prop-
erty were put up by Mr. H.
A. Lamerton, who conducted the
sale in English and Chinese.
There was a large attendance, and
bidding was very brisk. The lots
were disposed of as follows:

400, Queen's Road West (659
square feet; Crown rent \$8.70).—
Purchaser, Mr. Ho Tsz-tsun, \$6,600.

408, Queen's Road West (690
square feet; Crown rent \$9.10).—
Purchaser, Mr. Ho Tsz-tsun, \$7,000.

23, Sam To Lane (1,022 square
feet; Crown rent \$13.50).—Pur-
chaser, Mr. Ho Tsz-tsun, \$3,000.

55, Second Street (783 square
feet; Crown rent \$10.14).—Pur-
chaser, Mr. Wong Lai-hing, \$5,500.

50, First Street (792 square
feet; Crown rent \$10.47).—
Purchaser, Mr. Ho Tsz-tsun,
\$6,100.

League Meeting.

A meeting of the Football
League followed, the same del-
egates being present.

A letter of protest was received
from the Lam Liang F. C. against
St. Joseph's College, on the
ground that in a match which the
College won by 5 goals to 1
they played an ineligible man.

Considerable discussion ensued,
it being admitted by the St.<

COMPANY MEETING.

The China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.

(VERBATIM.)

An extraordinary general meeting of the China Fire Insurance Company, Limited, was held at the Registered Office of the Company, No. 3, Queen's Road Central to-day. Mr. W. L. Patten den presided, those also present being Messrs. J. W. O. Bonnar, and E. Shellim (Directors), and Chiang Ngai sang, Chen A-pat, R. E. Humphreys, E. B. Silva, M. A. Remidio, W. Danbar, A. H. M. de Silva, M. S. Sasseon, D. C. Beadle, J. A. Young, E. A. M. Williams, A. E. Chapell, Leung Yan-po, F. Smythe, H. W. Looker, O. D. Wilkinion, C. F. de Carvalho, E. V. D. Parr, E. P. Thursfield, G. C. Moxon, E. G. Remedios, G. A. Hastings, J. M. Alves, E. B. L. Bowley and A. R. Lowe, (shareholders) with the Secretary, Mr. C. Pemberton.

The Secretary having read the notice of meeting,

The Chairman said:—Gentlemen,—The Directors of the Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd., having provisionally agreed to the scheme for the amalgamation of the two Companies, there is every reason to believe that their shareholders will also do so and that it will be carried into effect. It is therefore necessary to make the alterations in our Articles of Association as set forth in the notice convening the meeting which has just been read. As it is possible that the gist of these alterations is not apparent to all of you, I will briefly explain them.

Article No. 19 limits the number of shares any one shareholder may hold to 1,000, and as the "Union" will acquire the majority of the shares of this Company it is necessary to eliminate this article.

The alteration in Article No. 50 simply shortens the notice to be given when calling a meeting. Article No. 53 provides that the quorum for an Ordinary meeting shall be 12, and for a General meeting 20 shareholders present. With a much smaller number of shareholders it might be difficult to get these quorums, and so the quorum is being reduced to 10 for all meetings.

The alteration in Article No. 64 gives, on a poll, a shareholder one vote for every share that he holds, instead of one vote for 5 or less shares, and one vote for every additional 10 shares.

I now beg to propose as an Extraordinary resolution:—

That the Articles of Association of the Company be altered in the manner following:—

(a) Article 19 shall be cancelled.

(b) In Article 50 in lieu of the words "Twenty-one clear days notice" there shall be substituted the words "Ten days notice at least of every meeting".

(c) The following Article shall be substituted for Article 53, namely:—

"Except as otherwise provided by these Articles, no business shall be transacted at any meeting unless there shall be personally present at the commencement of the business Ten or more Shareholders."

(d) Article 64 shall be altered by striking out all words after the words "upon a poll every shareholder" and by adding after such words "present in person or by proxy shall have one vote for every share held by him."

Hon. Mr. E. Shellim:—I beg to second the resolution.

The Chairman:—The resolution which has been read is proposed by myself and seconded by Mr. Shellim. Will those in favour kindly hold up their hands? Those against? That is carried unanimously. That is all the business, gentlemen; thank you for your attendance. The confirmatory meeting will be held on Saturday the 18th inst.

More "Aga" Lights for the Ferry Boat.

We understand that in consequence of the satisfaction given by the Aga Light supplied to one of the Star Ferry boats some time since, the Swedish Trading Company has been asked to supply four more ferry boats with the light.

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POLICE PRESENTATION.

LANGKAT OUTPUT.

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Dec. 1 ... Tons 152

" 2 ... " 150

Total to 2nd inst. 302

Daily average 151.

Interesting Function Last Night.

Quite a large number of the Hongkong Police gathered at the Police Recreation Club last evening when a presentation was made to the Ex-Chief Inspector who left for Home to-day.

The presentation took the form of a gold watch inscribed: "Presented to Chief Inspector Gourlay by the members of the Hongkong Police Recreation Club".

A gold brooch set with diamonds and pearls was also presented to Mr. Gourlay to be handed to his wife.

Mr. P. P. J. Weddhouse (D.S.P.), in making the presentation, said Mr. Gourlay had been one of the mainstays of the Club, and had done a great deal of work for it. They all knew what a splendid fellow he was, and they all remembered that he had the Royal Humane Society medal. (hear, hear).

Briefly returning thanks, Mr. Gourlay said that it was not without a tinge of regret that he left them, but it was time for him to go now so that he could give some other good men a chance.

There were six good men for his place and they could not deny it.

He had reached that goal which he had looked forward to and which he knew they all looked forward to from the first day they joined the force—the pension

which was theirs when they had completed the required number of years' service. He would not have

taken his pension yet but he had received letters from his wife who wanted him at home, so he was going to her "chop shop."

He thanked them from the bottom of his heart for the present, and he never knew before that he was so well liked.

He did not think that he could have been so bad after all (laughter). He had always tried to be fair to the men, but one could not please everybody; he could not say that he had been bad to the men. He hoped that they would all have the same happy relations with his successor as they had had with him, and that would be quite good enough for him.

By order,

E. A. WILLIAMS,

Secretary.

Hongkong 2nd December, 1915.

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SHANGHAI	Chloysang	Tues, 7th Dec. at 9 a.m.
TIENTSIN via Fochow	Wingsang	Wed, 8th Dec. at 12 m.
KOBE & Moji	Chipshing	Wed, 8th Dec. at 12 m.
SANDAKAN	Kumsang	Thur, 9th Dec. at noon
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San Francisco & American Ports	Kiyo M.	T. K. K.	8 Jan.
San Francisco	Arakan	J. C. J. L.	9 Jan.
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Japan	Tjiluwang	J. C. J. L.	6 Dec.
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Manila, Cebu and Iloilo	Tean	B. & S.	7 Dec.
Singapore, via Amoy & Swatow	S Jacob	J. C. J. L.	7 Dec.
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Batavia	Ceylon M.	N. Y. K.	7 Dec.
Singapore, Penang & Calcutta	Tjiluwang	J. C. J. L.	7 Dec.
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Java and Makassar	Hinsang	J. M. Co.	9 Dec.
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Singapore, Calcutta etc.	Iyo M.	N. Y. K.	20 Dec.
Singapore & Bombay	Kaga M.	N. Y. K.	25 Dec.
Mauritius and South African Ports	Pennang M.	N. Y. K.	3 Jan.
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HONGKONG, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3, 1915

THE DOUBLE MURDER CASE.

Question of the Prisoner's Sanity.

The adjourned case of Li Pui, who is charged with the murder of two men, the hearing of which was adjourned on Wednesday in order that he should be medically examined as to the state of his mind, again came before the Chief Justice and a jury at the Criminal Sessions this morning.

The Crown Solicitor (Mr. Hodgeson) stated that the doctor had examined the prisoner and it would be well to call them.

Mr. Moore stated that since the last hearing, he in Company with Dr. McKenna, had examined the prisoner twice. They could find no signs of insanity, nor could they find any signs that he had suffered from epileptic fits. A patient who had suffered from epilepsy generally bears scars, but prisoner had none. He (witness) had had conversation with the man and received rational answers.

By Mr. Alabaster:—One hour and fifty minutes was all he saw him.

Did the prisoner speak any language known to you?—No.

You spoke to him through an interpreter?—Yes.

You forced the opinion he was not insane?—I did.

An epileptic may be perfectly rational in his conversation?—Yes, if he were an epileptic.

The Chief Justice:—What were the kind of questions you put to him?—I asked him about his family history.

Did he answer you?—Yes.

Give me one question. I asked him how long he had been a waiter at the Chinese brothel and he replied he had been there nine years. I also asked him if he had been married and he said no. Later I asked him if his father were dead and what he had died of and he replied, "My father died at the age of 68 years with pains in all his bones. In answer to another question, prisoner said that Wan Po had tried to make a fool of him. Witness asked him how he made a fool of him and prisoner replied, that sometimes he would throw a small sword to him and say "Now stab me." Prisoner said the knife which was thrown to him was not like the one which was in Court. That was the one which was used for cutting roast duck. He had killed Lo Kin because he tried to stop him from killing Wan Po. Wan Po had said to him in front of a lot of people, "Who would dare to kill me. He said it to me personally. I did not think of killing him until he dared me and then I made up my mind to kill him. Wan Po had accused me of stealing and when he passed my bed he said, 'Stealing, stealing again.' There was a good deal of chaff and Wan Po would not distribute from guests at the house, and he (Wan Po) tried to get the chaff which should have come to him. He had not bothered about it earlier because he did not want to make trouble and I wanted to make up my mind to kill him."

The Chief Justice:—Judging from his replies to your questions, did he appear sorry?—No, he said he was not sorry.

From his answers and general demeanour did he appear to know he had done a wrong act? Yes, he did.

He appeared to understand the nature of the act?—Yes.

The fact that he killed two men and cut another; would that fact lead you to believe that he was not responsible for his actions?—If the other men interceded with him he might be temporarily insane.

Witness asked him if he had ever suffered from illness and he said "Only fever."

Is epilepsy common amongst the Chinese?—Yes, fairly common.

Do you think he looks intelligent?—Yes, for that class.

He belongs to the coolie class?

—Yes. He is an opium smoker.

Is he really? How do you know?—He told me so.

And you think he understands right from wrong?—Yes.

By Mr. Alabaster:—He did not seem to mind what he had done and expressed no regret. He did not regard the act he had done as being a wrong one. He did not regard the act as one for which he should be sorry.

Dr. McKenna stated that he had examined the prisoner twice with Dr. Moore. From his examination he did not think the man was insane. He had had a lot of experience of men of the low coolie class in goal and he should say prisoner was a man of normal intelligence. His impression of the man was that he knew that he was doing something for which he would be punished. He asked prisoner if he was not afraid of punishment. He said at first he was, with the natural fear of death, but he was satisfied to pay with his life for the life of Wan Po.

The Crown Solicitor, addressing the jury, said they had heard the whole of the case. The prisoner had raised the plea of insanity. They had not only to find whether he was insane but also whether he was insane at the time he committed the act—not whether he was insane before, but whether they thought he was insane now, and whether he was insane at the actual time. It was very difficult for them to say what insanity was. They often heard the expression, "Oh, the man is mad." There was not a little of proof that the prisoner was suffering from any disease of the mind. In this case there was a clear motive, but if there was or not it was not necessary to prove a motive. It might only have been an imaginative motive, but this did not mean that he had any right to kill a man. The prisoner had run away after he killed one man and it might be held that a man who did run away was mad. It was not a necessary following at all, they must remember that he had been interfered with by the second man.

Speaking for the defence, Mr. Alabaster said no man was allowed to be short of legal assistance when that man's life was in jeopardy. They would see in a case like this that a provision such as this was very useful.

It enabled someone to speak on his behalf and give a defence which the prisoner could not give himself. It enabled him to place facts before them which he could not place himself, and it enabled the defence of insanity to be brought before them, as it was inconceivable that a man would plead his own insanity.

Sentence of Death.

The jury retired to consider their verdict and were absent for not more than five minutes. On returning, the foreman intimated they were unanimous in a verdict of guilty.

When asked if he had anything to say why the sentence should not be carried out, prisoner replied that he had nothing to say and left himself in His Lordship's hands.

The Chief Justice, addressing the prisoner, said:—You have been found guilty of the terrible murder, and the jury find that at the time you committed it you were perfectly sane. It is quite possible that it may be true that the two men whom you murdered did say things to you which you allege they did, but that is no justification for the terrible murder which you committed. It is my duty to sentence you;—the sentence which will be carried out by law—to sentence you to be hanged by the neck until you are dead.

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THE LICENSING BOARD.

Three New Members Appointed.

On enquiry we are informed that the following three Justices of the Peace have been nominated to the vacancies on the Licensing Board:—The Hon. Mr. E. Shellim, Mr. T. F. Hough and Mr. Mowbray S. Northcote.

There were three vacancies on the Board, and as the candidates nominated do not exceed this number, no election is necessary, the gentlemen named being duly appointed.

THE ABERDEEN MURDER CASE.

Further evidence in the murder case where three Chinese named Tang Ming, Tang Tsui, and Lok Hing, stood charged with the murder of one named Lang Yik was given before Mr. Hazelton this afternoon.

Mr. King, A.S.P., again conducted the case for the prosecution. P.s. Floyd, stationed at Aberdeen, stated that on November 1st at 9 p.m. the first defendant came to the station and reported that a thief was in his garden. He sent 3 Indian constables and later they came back bringing the deceased, the first and second defendants following. Soon after arrival deceased collapsed and fell on the floor. Blood was flowing from scalp wounds and when asked who inflicted the wounds he said the three defendants did, naming all three. One of the Indian Constables also handed witness a knife. Witness dressed the deceased's wounds and later sent him to the Government Civil Hospital. Sgt. Floyd went on to describe his visit to the garden and how he found several bamboo poles with unlawfully moving about the Harbour during prohibited hours on the 24th ultimo, was dismissed on the grounds that the launch was engaged in carrying members of the Volunteer Corps across the Harbour after parade.

P.s. T. W. Robertson (Reserve) charged Lo Kam boatmaster, with unlawfully moving about the Harbour during prohibited hours on the 1st inst. Defendant was fined \$5, while four other boatpeople who were charged with the same offence by P.s. James Henderson (Reserve) were also fined \$5 each.

VOYELLE ORDERS.

Corps Orders issued to-day by

Lieut.-Col. A. Chapman, V. D., state:—

Joined.

Private C. E. Ozorio joined the Corps on 2.12.15, allotted Corps No. 1945 and posted to Eight Section M. G. Co.

Transfers.

Private G. T. May from Signalling Section to Civil Service Company, dated 3. 12. 15.

Gunner C. Mycock from No. 1 Section Art. Batty, to Civil Service Company, dated 3. 12. 15.

Parades.

Parades for Saturday, 4th instant. 7 a.m. Signalling Section

—Signalling practice at Head-quarters.

2.30 p.m. Engineer Company

—Musketry at King's Park Range

as previously ordered.

Remainder, Nil.

Parades for Sunday, 5th instant. 8.30 a.m. Engineer Company

—Musketry at King's Park Range as previously ordered.

2.30 p.m. Engineer Company

—Musketry at King's Park Range

as previously ordered.

Remainder, Nil.

Parades for Monday, 6th instant.

No. 2 Section Art. Batty, and

Scouts Company will parade on

Friday, 10th inst. Remainder on

Tuesday, 7th inst.

Detail.

Gun Club Hill, Kowloon:—

On duty until 7th instant.

Scouts Company,

Officer on duty Lieut. Murphy.

P. of W. Camp, Kowloon:—

On duty to-night Centre S-

ection M. G. Co.

Officer on duty Lieut. Wright.

On duty to-morrow night No.

1 S. Art. Batty and Left Sec.

M. G. Co.

Officer on duty Lieut. Ross.

On duty 5th instant Civil Ser-

vice Company.

Officer on duty Lieut. Lindsell.

Oberly Sergeant until 7th inst.

—Corpl. R. Duncan.

HARBOUR OFFENCES.

Before Commander O. W.

Beckwith R.N., at the Marine Court this morning, Assistant Harbour Master A. E. Davey charged the Wo Fat Shing Co., agents for the s.s. Phenomenon, with unlawfully taking on board the said ship, cargoes of oranges and cabbages without a Sunday permit from the Harbour Master on Sunday the 21st November.

Defendant pleaded not guilty. Mr. Shepton, of Messrs. Deacon, Looker, Deacon and Harston's office, who appeared on behalf of the Company, produced a permit signed by Commander Basil Taylor, giving a general permit to load fruit on Sunday.

The case was dismissed, and the matter is to be referred to the Crown.

P.s. Bagg charged Mok Yau, boatmaster, with unlawfully making fast his boat to the s.s. Drifter whilst under way without the permission of the Master or officer in charge thereof on the 29th ultimo. A fine of \$25 was imposed.

Acting Lance Sergeant George Dyke charged five boatpeople with unlawfully being the outside boats of more than five other boats lying alongside the s.s. Onyang on the 2nd inst. Defendants were fined \$10 each.

Leung Ohi, boatmistress, who was charged with unlawfully making fast her boat to the s.s. Dugfin whilst under way on the 1st inst., was fined \$25; while Wong Fuk, master of steam launch K3 who was charged with unlawfully moving about the Harbour during prohibited hours on the 24th ultimo, was dismissed on the grounds that the launch was engaged in carrying members of the Volunteer Corps across the Harbour after parade.

P.s. T. W. Robertson (Reserve) charged Lo Kam boatmaster, with unlawfully moving about the Harbour during prohibited hours on the 1st inst. Defendant was fined \$5, while four other boatpeople who were charged with the same offence by P.s. James Henderson (Reserve) were also fined \$5 each.

MESSRS. SETNA'S REPORT.

In their report dated December 2, Messrs. S. D. Sims & Co. state:—

Cotton:—Market ruled quiet.

Exports are reported of about 150 packages at \$29 (per picul). Unsold stock is estimated at about 205 packages. Closing quotations, \$27 to \$28 (per picul).

Indian Yarn:—Owing to a rise in rates of exchange, coupled with low rates in ruling in India importers were hasty sellers, and hence prices show a decline of from 1 to 3 per cent, and a limited business reported in the past fortnight; in all about 1100 bales comprising about 900 bales of No. 102, and 200 bales of No. 125. Unsold stock is estimated at about 35,000 bales, sold but uncleared Stock, about 2,000 bales.

Japanese Yarn:—No sales are reported in the market.

Sundry Articles:—Market ruled Firm. Prices show some advance.

In imports sales are reported in Angoor at \$22 to \$24 (per picul), Kismis at \$20 to \$23 (per picul), Mavej at \$15 (per picul), apricots at \$35 to \$37 (per picul), bhesabole at \$10 (per picul), gum galbanum at \$13 to \$18 (per picul), myrrh balsam at \$31 (per picul), putchuck at \$140 (per picul), and sandal-wood at \$50 to \$55 (per picul).

In exports purchases are re-

ported in cassia at \$16; (per picul), broken cassia at \$10 (per picul), green beans at \$5 (per picul), galangal at \$8 (per picul), garlic at \$8 to \$9 (per picul), Mungal stone at \$12; (per picul), vermillion at \$195 to \$200 (per picul), sugar-candy at \$16 (per picul), Zedars at \$18 (per picul), and preserves at \$4 to \$6 (per case).

HONGKONG AND THE WAR.

An Interesting Report.

The annual report on Hongkong for 1914 by Mr. Claude Severn, the Colonial Secretary, though somewhat belated, says the *London and China Express* contains many interesting facts and figures relating to the life and progress of the Colony. Speaking generally, the condition of the Province of Kwangtung improved considerably during the year, though the Government found difficulty in suppressing the numerous robber bands which, owing to the disbandment of many soldiers who had been enrolled during the revolutionary period, were scattered throughout the provinces of Kwangtung and Kwangsi, and especially in the West River districts. Many acts of piracy occurred, and the influx of undesirable characters to Hongkong gave the police cause for extra vigilance. The outbreak of war with Germany and Austria, and later with Turkey, produced

an increase of 61,838 tons, or 5 per cent., against a decrease of 36,050 tons, or 29 per cent., for the last five months, as compared with the corresponding periods of 1913. There was a decrease in exports of 295,398 tons, or 11 per cent., which may be ascribed principally to the war, although there was a general falling off in exports throughout the year.

The figures for the first seven months show a decrease, compared with those for the corresponding period of 1913, of 45,332 tons or 34 per cent., while those for the last five months declined by 250,068 tons, or 18.8 per cent. As to opinion, the trade in certified Indian opium is now confined to the gradual clearance of the opium already imported from India into Hongkong, Shanghai, and Treaty ports.

The financial situation in the Colony remained sound, despite many adverse factors. The revenue for the year amounted to \$11,007,273, being \$1,264,313

more than the estimate and \$2,494,984 more than the revenue for the previous year. The expenditure amounted to a total of \$10,756,225, inclusive of a sum of \$1,639,595 spent on Public Works Extraordinary. The surplus on the year's working was \$261,04

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HONGKONG, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3 1915.

TO-DAY'S LATEST WAR TELEGRAMS.

[Reuter's Service to the "Telegraph."]

ITALY AND THE WAR.

WILL INSIST ON SERBIAN INDEPENDENCE.

December 2, 3.25 p.m.
Reuter's correspondent at Rome states that, speaking in the Chamber, Signor Scattino announced that Italy had joined with the Allies in an agreement not to conclude a separate peace. There was every reason for believing that a satisfactory settlement would be reached with Greece. He emphasised the importance of Serbia's independence to Italy and said her absorption by Austria would be a great danger. Italy would insist on the complete restoration of Serbia's independence as an indispensable condition of peace.

SHANGHAI MIXED COURT.

The Recent Bombing of a Newspaper Office.

Some interesting details were given at the Shanghai Mixed Court on November 20 relating to the attempt to blow up the offices of the *Asiatic Daily News* in September last. It will be remembered, says the *N. C. Daily News*, that during the evening of the 11th of that month a bomb was thrown into the doorway of the offices, killing a Chinese constable and two other persons, besides injuring others. The hearing was before Mr. Grant Jones, British Assessor, and Magistrate Yue, and three men appeared before the Court. The chief of the accused was Yang Nyo-yan, who was charged with feloniously killing and murdering the three persons who lost their lives through the explosion. He was also charged, with a prisoner named Tan Kwe-foh, with being concerned together in causing the death of the victims, and with Siau Meh-sun with unlawfully conspiring together to cause the said deaths. Tan Kwe-foh was also charged with conspiring, with the others, to manufacture a bomb with the intent to use it for the commission of a crime.

Mr. K. E. Newman appeared on behalf of the Police, Mr. G. D. Musso appeared for the Chinese Government, and Det. Alfonsi represented the French Police, who had brought one of the prisoners as a witness.

Det. Alfonsi informed the Court that the man Siau Meh-sun had been brought as a witness, and not for the purpose of being tried by that Court. Later in the afternoon, towards the close of the session, Mr. Musso said that with regard to the charge of conspiracy he understood that the Court had ruled that the conspiracy had taken place in the French Concession.

Mr. Newman, in outlining the case, told the Court of the evidence that would be produced. He continued that the second man, Tan, came into the possession of the Arsenal authorities, and they took a statement from him. This was to the effect that he was 18 years old, and was a native of Hunan. He was previously in the army, and knew the prisoner Yang, who was also in the army at the time of the first revolution. He would tell the Court that he was approached by Yang to join the revolutionary party, and that he was introduced to a man who was said to be the head of the whole business. He was enrolled as a member of the party, and he was to be second in command of a division of artillery. Yang was to be in command of two divisions. Tan admitted that he was rather active in the revolutionary cause, and as a result of these activities he was given the command of a regiment which was, of course, non-existent. His statement went

on that he was called by Yang to see him, and they met in a bath-house. While there, Yang told him that he had been asked to throw a bomb in the offices of the *Asiatic Daily News* whose policy was not good. Yang was promised that his relatives would be looked after in the event of anything happening to him, and Yang refused to take any money because he wanted to die for his country. The party had a farewell dinner in the French Concession just before the bomb was to be thrown, and during the course of it Yang rushed out of the house. Tan, and another man not yet in custody, went after him to Shantung Road. They heard a loud explosion, and afterwards they saw three or four people lying in the road, but they did not recognise Yang. They afterwards learned, however, that he had been taken to hospital. Yang was afterwards confronted by the other man in hospital, but he denied having thrown the bomb and with having any connection with the affair at all. He said he would be shot through the other man's fault.

The prisoner Yang had made a statement to Det. Sergt. Prosser, during which he said that on the night in question he came to Shanghai on a jaunt. He was passing the door of the newspaper office when he heard an explosion behind him. He did not see anyone trying to run away, and he did not know how the affair happened. The Court would hear, said Mr. Newman, that the man's wounds were in front of his body, and not behind, so he must have seen the bomb fall. He also denied being connected in any way with revolutionary matters.

A detective stated that in consequence of information received, he went to the offices of the *Asiatic Daily News*. He found that both windows had been blown out, and a hole made in the steps at the entrance. There were slots of blood about, and pieces of brass in different places. There were also numerous perforations where pellets had gone through. He went immediately to the hospital, and found that one man dressed in a blue gown and another in a white gown were dead, and the policeman was lying on a table. He also saw the prisoner lying on an operating table. There were no wounds on the back of the accused. The witness questioned the accused, after he had been warned, and the gist of the question was regarding his friends, where he lived, and what his occupation was.

The case was adjourned.

Alice Memorial Hospital.
The Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial and Affiliated Hospitals begs to acknowledge with thanks the following donation to the funds of the Hospitals:—Union Church, \$65.42.

LITERARY NEWS.

Mr. H. M. Hyndman's new book "The Future of Democracy" has been published by Messrs George Allen and Unwin, Ltd. The volume contains not only the impressions of recent events but the conclusions drawn from the experience of fifty years. The author has seen many changes in Europe, and is able, from the fullness of his knowledge, to forecast the probable course of events and to drive home his warnings of long ago which are already being largely justified.

The "Life of Dostoevsky," by Eugenii Soloviev, is being translated into English, and is to be published shortly by Messrs. George Allen and Unwin, Ltd. While doing full justice to Dostoevsky's genius, the Author of the study seeks to correct more than one popular misconception on the subject, and to supply, in a balanced review of Dostoevsky's life and influence, a wholesome corrective to the fantastic views put forward by certain Russian and other critics of the great writer.

M. Emile Vandervelde has written a Preface to a volume entitled "German Socialists and Belgium," which is announced for early publication by Messrs. George Allen and Unwin, Ltd. The book is by M. Emile Royer, the Belgian Deputy.

"Towards a Lasting Settlement" is the title of a new book to be published shortly by Messrs. George Allen and Unwin, Ltd. It is edited by Mr. Charles Roden Buxton, and contains Essays by many distinguished writers, including Mr. G. Lowes Dickinson, Mr. H. N. Brailsford, Mr. J. A. Hobson, Mr. Philip Snowden, M.P. Miss Maud Royden, and others. The book is inspired by the predominant aim of securing that a catastrophe such as the present war shall never recur. It looks to the future rather than to the past. It deals with problems that must and will be discussed not only during the continuance of the War, but during the peace negotiations and for many months, if not for many years, after a settlement has been reached.

THE ASSASSINS OF ADMIRAL TSENG.

Peking, November 24.—General Feng Kuo-chang, Chiang-chau of Nanking, reports that the murderers of Admiral Tseng Ju-cheng and also the would-be assassin of Chow Chin-ting, Commissioner of Foreign Affairs, and the bomb-thrower of the *Yashiyapao* after being handed over to the Chinese authorities were taken to Nanking for execution.

The murderers of Admiral Tseng at first refused to answer any questions saying that they had already confessed their guilt. They said that they had no accomplices, but finally confessed that they were formerly Company Commanders in the Revolutionary Army. They killed Admiral Tseng not so much for his monarchical tendencies as for the wholesale execution of their fellow revolutionaries during his tenure of office in Shanghai. His assassins further stated that they were formerly members of the Tung-men-hui.

General Feng Kuo-chang says that from all appearances the assassination had no direct connection with the monarchical movement. He concludes by praising the friendly attitude of the Consular Body and the Municipal Council of Shanghai in immediately handing over the prisoners and predicts that this satisfactory action of the foreign authorities will pave the way for future co-operation between Chinese and foreign officials for the preservation of order in the Shanghai district.—*N. C. Daily News*.

CONSIGNEES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.
THE CHINA MAIL S.S.
CO., LTD.
From SAN FRANCISCO, via
NAGASAKI AND MANILA.

THE Steamship

"CHINA."

The above named steamer, having arrived, Consignees of cargo are hereby notified to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of cargo from alongside.

Cargo remaining undelivered on 29th Nov. 1915, at 5 p.m. will be landed at Consignees' risk and expense, and delivery must then be taken from the Company's Godown. Storage charges will be assessed on all goods remaining undelivered on 3rd December, 1915, at 5 p.m.

No Fire Insurance whatever will be effected.

No Claim will be recognised after the goods have left the Steamer or Godown.

All chaffed and damaged cargo will be landed into the Godown, where they will be examined on 3rd December, at 10 a.m.

No Claims will be recognised if filed after 25th December, 1915.

O H RITTER.

Agent.

Hongkong, 29th November, 1915.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.
NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.
FROM EUROPE, COLOMBO
AND STRAITS.

THE Company's Steamship

"MISHIMA MARU" having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

Options of goods will be carried on unless instructions are given to the contrary before NOON, TO-DAY.

Goods not cleared by the 8th November, will be subject to rent.

Damaged packages must be left in the Godown for examination by the Consignee and the Company's representatives at an appointed hour on Tuesday and Friday. All claims must be presented within 10 days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognised. No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godown.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

Agents.

Hongkong, 1st December, 1915.

NOTICE

G. R.
SANITARY BOARD OFFICE,
HONGKONG.

To the
OWNERS OF DOMESTIC
BUILDINGS.

TAKE NOTICE that under No. 5 of the DOMESTIC CLEANLINESS AND VENTILATION BY-LAWS (as amended) every Domestic Building or part of such Building within the CENTRAL Division of the City of Victoria and the WESTERN Division of Kowloon, occupied by Members of more than one family, except those within the European Reservation or in Kowloon South of Austin Road or those parts of a Domestic Building used as a Shop, Office or Godown, must be CLEANSSED and LIMEWASHED THROUGHOUT by the owners during the months of December and January.

N.B.—The word "throughout" used in this Notice means that the Houses should be lime-washed in respect of all the Walls of each Room, all Cubicles, Partitions, Stair Casings and Stair Linings, all Ceilings and the Undersides of Roofs in Main Buildings, Offices and Servants' Quarters and inclusive of Verandas.

The Backyard must have its Containing Walls lime-washed up to the 1st of the First Floor.

Carved, Painted or Polished Woodward in good condition, however, need not be lime-washed, but must be cleaned.

The CENTRAL Division of the City lies between Gilman Street and Peel Street, on the East and Tank Lane and Cleverly Street on the West.

Kowloon is divided into the EASTERN and WESTERN Divisions by Nathan Road and a straight line drawn from the North end through the Yau Ma Tei railway reservoir to the Northern boundary of Kowloon.

W. BOWEN-ROWLANDS,
Secretary.

Dated this 1st day of December, 1915.

NOTICE

THE HONGKONG & WHAM-
POA DOCK CO., LTD.

Notice is hereby given that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company, Limited, will be held at the Company's Office, Queen's Buildings, Victoria, Hongkong on Monday, the 13th day of December, 1915, at 12 o'clock noon, when the subjoined Resolutions will be proposed as Extraordinary Resolutions viz:—

(1) That the Capital of the Company be increased to \$3,000,000 by the creation of 10,000 additional shares of \$50 each.

(2) That the Directors be authorised to offer the said 10,000 additional shares at a premium of \$10 per Share to each Member on the Register of Members on the 14th day of December, 1915, in the proportion of one New Share for every complete number of Five Shares which such Member is the Registered Holder of on that date and upon the footing (unless the Directors shall otherwise determine) that Shareholders shall be given the option of paying the full amount of each share taken up less the premium (making together \$60 per Share) to the Company on acceptance of the offer or of paying such amount on or before the 29th February, 1916, with interest at the rate of 6 per cent. per annum from (and including) the 1st January, 1916, until payment, and that if any Shareholder fails to pay the full amount due on any Shares accepted by him (including premium and interest) on or before the 29th February, 1916, such Shares may be forfeited by the Directors and that such offer be made by notice specifying the number of Shares to which the Member is entitled and limiting the sum within which the offer if not accepted will be deemed to be declined to the 31st December, 1915, and that the Directors be empowered to dispose of the Shares not accepted in response to such offer to such persons upon such terms and conditions and at such times as they consider expedient in the interests of the Company and that forfeited Shares shall be the property of the Company and may be sold, resold or otherwise disposed of by the Directors in such manner as they think fit.

(3) That such additional shares shall not participate in any Dividend declared in March, 1916, in respect of profit accrued up to the 31st December, 1915, but shall participate in any Dividend declared thereafter pro rata with the existing capital.

(4) That no Member shall be entitled to an offer of any fraction of an Additional Share in respect of any Number of Shares less than five held by him.

(5) That the Directors be empowered to dispose of all additional shares which members are not entitled to have offered to them to such persons upon such terms and conditions and at such times as they consider expedient in the interests of the Company.

(6) That the proposed exercise by the Directors of the power of borrowing vested in them by the creation of a debenture issue of \$2,000,000 bearing interest at Six per cent., of which \$1,000,000 is to be offered for subscription forthwith and the balance is to be dealt with in such manner as the Directors may in the present or future determine to be and the same is hereby approved and that the Directors be left to raise and secure the repayment of such debentures in such manner and upon such terms and conditions in all respects as they think fit with liberty, if they think fit to deposit any such debentures with the Company's Bankers on such terms as they think fit as security for any indebtedness of the Company to its Bankers either present or future.

And the Resolution hereafter further subjoined will also be proposed as an Extraordinary Resolution, viz:—

That the regulations contained in the printed document submitted to this Meeting and for the purpose of identification, subscribed by the Chairman thereof and the same are hereby approved.

NOTICES

CHRISTMAS
AT THE
HONGKONG HOTEL.

At the request of several patrons of the Hotel the Management has arranged a series of dances to be held during Christmas Week open to residents and visitors in the Hotel. These will take place in the following nights—

CHRISTMAS EVE,
FRIDAY, 24th December, 1915.
BOXING DAY
MONDAY, 27th December, 1915.
NEW YEAREVE

FRIDAY, 31st December, 1915.

By kind permission of Lieut. Colonel L. A. WATSON and Officers of the Band of the 74th Punjabis under Bandmaster Christian will be in attendance. Special menus will be served in the Grill Room at \$3.50 per head and in the Main Dining Room at \$2.50 per head.

Table accommodation can be reserved at the Hotel Main Office.

The Hotel Launch will leave Blake Pier each night for Kowloon after dance.

J. H. TAGGART,
Manager.

NOTICE

With reference to the notification calling for nominations for the election of three Justices of the Peace to vacancies on the Licensing Board it is hereby notified that only three nominations have been received and that no election will therefore be necessary.

(Sd) G. A. WOODCOCK,
Secretary, Licensing Board.

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COMMERCIAL.

Queensland Mining.
Considering the abnormal adverse conditions that affected the progress of the mining industry in Queensland last year—the European war, the cessation of the Chillogos operations, etc.—the general results of Queensland mining in 1914 cannot be considered prior; in fact, the total output was only \$88,601 less than in 1913. Two great redeeming features marked the course of the miners' pick and shovel work—gold picked up, and coal showed an increased yield. Queensland, apparently, has an unbounded supply of "black diamonds," which augurs well for her industrial future. So much importance is attached to this section of mineralogical work that the Government of Queensland asked Mr. B. Dunstan, their geologist, to supervise the geological operations in the Maryborough district in connection with the development of the coalfields there. A special report on the Ipswich coalfield will shortly be ready. Gold was produced to the value of \$1,059,674, and the decline in output has been arrested; fortunately. A remarkable point to note in the Queensland mining operations for 1914 was the extraordinarily high price paid for molybdenite, which topped \$600 per ton. This was caused by the successful use of molybdenite steel in the manufacture of field guns. The demand for this metal far exceeds the supply, and the price has continued to advance by leaps and bounds. The yield of bismuth in Queensland remains small and variable. The position of coal in 1914 in Queensland was most satisfactory. The yield was 1,035,990 tons, valued at close on half-a-million sterling.

Electric Tractor for Swedish Railways.

The Swedish State power-station at Porjus, on the Lule River, is the first step on a large scale towards adopting electric traction for the Swedish railways, for which purpose the State has purchased several waterfalls, in addition to the many falls owned by the Crown. At the same time there will be a large quantity of electrical energy available for industrial purposes, and this, no doubt, will lead to the further exploitation of vast natural resources. The question of introducing electric traction has been under consideration by the Swedish State Railway authorities for a number of years. In the year 1910 it was decided that the Kiruna-Bikgraven Railway should be electrified, and that the Porjus Falls, on the Lule River, should be exploited for this purpose, it also being decided to build a railway from Porjus to Gellivare. The Riksdag voted in the aggregate \$1,200,000 for this purpose. Besides the Porjus, there are several other waterfalls in the Lule River which can be exploited with advantage. A careful investigation of the scheme for the regulation of the system of lakes above the Porjus station shows that the low-water flow can be increased to about 5,300 cubic feet per second, through the gradual regulation of the Great Lule Lake and other lakes further up the stream. This regulation, it is proposed to undertake, says *Engineering*, as the increased demand for energy from the Porjus station makes it expedient. As the total height of fall in the Lule River between the Great Lule Lake and the sea is about 1,180 feet, this will mean an increase in the natural capacity at low water from about 100,000 horse-power in normal years, and about 115,000 horse-power in dry years, to about 700,000 horse-power. As only a comparatively small part of this vast amount of power will be required for railway electrification purposes, there will be a large quantity of energy available for diverse industrial purposes, preferably for the working of raw materials found in that portion of the country.

Superintendent of the Kwangsi Bank.

The appointment of Shen Teeyueh as superintendent of the Kwangsi Government Bank, recommended by the Minister of Finance, has been approved by President Yuen.

SHARE REPORT.
COMPARATIVE SHARE QUOTATIONS.

STOCK.	To-day's Closing Prices	Number of Shares	Par Value Up	1914.		1915.		Last Dividend and Date
				Highest	Lowest	Highest	Lowest	
Banks.								
H'kong & S'hai Banking Corp.	£810 s. £73/10	120,000 £125 all	855 July	700	Oct. 345 x div. 290 c. div.	£23/10 at 1/9-5/16 equal to \$24.21 for 1/4 year 30/6/15		
Marine Insurances.								
Canton Insurance Office, Ld. 425	b.	10,000 £250 50	350 Dec.	305 Oct.	425	360	Final of \$4 s/o 1913. Interim of \$18 s/o 1914.	
North China Ins. Co., Ld. 175	n.	10,000 £15 55	145 May	133 Jan.	175	160	Final of 12½ p.c. making 25 p.c. for 1914	
Union Ins. Society of C'ton, Ld. \$900 sab.	b.	12,400 \$250 100	847 April	700 Oct.	972	855	Final of \$20 and bonus of \$5 making \$55 for 1913, and Interim of \$30 for 1914	
Yangtze Ins. Assoc. Ld. \$270	b.	12,000 \$100 60	210 April	102 Jan.	270	225	Final of \$15 mak. \$18 for 1913 & Int. of \$5 for 1914	
Fire Insurances.								
China Fire Ins. Co., Ld. \$150 sa. b.	b.	20,000 \$100 20	160 July	140 Oct.	168	130	\$9 for 1913	
H'kong Fire Ins. Co., Ld. \$420 s.	s.	8,000 \$250 50	395 Feb.	368 April	420	365	\$27 for 1913	
Shipping.								
Douglas Steamship Co., Ld. \$85	b.	20,000 \$50 all	36 Mar.	274 Nov.	91	45	\$4 for year ending 30/6/15	
Hongkong, C. & M.S.S. Co., Ld. 19	b.	80,000 \$15 all	29½ Jan.	22 Dec.	23	19	Final of 40 cts. making 90 cts. for year ending 31/12/14	
Indo-China Steam (Combined) \$144	b.	60,000 25 all	79 Jan.	50 Sept.	159	96	6 p.c. & 3 p.c. on d. for year 1914, a. quoted ex p.c. div. in H.K. from 29/9/15, an interim div. of 6 p.c. on the combined paid in London 23/9/15 quoted ex div. in H.K. 1/12/15	
Navigation Co., Deferred \$89	b.	60,000 25 all	79 Jan.	50 Sept.	159	96	Final of 5½ (Coupon No. 24) making 7½ for 1914	
Ld. Preferred \$63	b.	60,000 25 all	79 Jan.	50 Sept.	159	96	\$1.50 per share and bonus of 40 cents per share for year ending 30/4/15	
Shell Transport & Trading Co., Ld. 85	b.	3,797,610 £1 al	106 Feb.	70 Sept. 80/- x div. 82/- x div.	82/-			
Star Ferry Company, Ld. \$37	b.	40,000 \$10 al	49 Mar.	40 Nov.	39	32		
Refineries.								
China S. Refining Co., Ld. \$127½ s.	b.	20,000 \$100 all	96b Feb.	70 Nov.	134	111	\$3 for 1913	
Luzon S. Refining Co., Ld. \$37	b.	7,000 \$100 all	31 Jan.	17 Dec.	46	27½	\$3 for 1897	
Mining.								
Kailan Mining Adm'ntn. 30/-	b.	1,000,000 £1 all	47½ Feb.	33/6 Dec.	33/6	30/-	Interim of 1/- account year ending 30/6/15 (Coupon No. 5.)	
Raub Australian Gold Min. Ld. 3.60	s.	200,000 £1 all	310 Jan.	190 Nov.	4	314	1/2 for 1909	
Troob Miner. Ld. 27/-	s.	160,000 £1 all	39½ Feb.	19/6 Nov.	32/6	28/-	1/- interim, a/c 1915 paid 12.7.15	
Ural Caspians. 36/6	s.	796,666 £1 all	56/6	21/3 Dec.	41	37/6	1/- interim 1916	
Docks, Wharves and Godowns &c.								
H'kong & K.W. & G. Co., Ld. \$76	b.	60,000 \$50 all	69 Jan.	73 Nov.	81	68	\$8.50 for year 1914	
H'kong & W'poad. Co., Ld. \$85	s.	50,000 \$50 all	77 Jan.	53 Oct.	88	57	\$3 dividend for year 1914	
S'hai Dock & Eng. Co., Ld. 61	s.	66,700 £100 all	60 July	50 Dec.	63½ 49 ex div.	71½	3 for year ending 30/4/15	
S'hai & H'kew W. Co., Ld. 99	s.	36,000 £100 all	109 Jan.	82½ Dec.	93½ 80	71½	5 for 1914	
Lands, Hotels and Buildings.								
Anglo French Ld. 94	b.	13,000 £100 £100	—	94	94	112	Tls. 6½ for year ending 29/2/14 (\$2.50 for half year ending 30/6/15)	
H'kong Hotel Co., Ld. \$108	b.	20,000 £50 50	128 July	120 Dec.	116	112		
H'kong Land Investment Co. \$105	s.	50,000 \$100 all	117½ July	98 Nov.	111 x div.	108	\$3½ for year ending 30/6/15	
H'phey's Estate & F. Co., Ld. 37	s.	150,000 £10 all	94 Jan.	7 Nov.	72	6.10	45 cents for year 1914	
K'lon Land & Building Co., Ld. \$40	s.	6,000 \$100 20	45 Jan.	44 Feb.	40	40	\$3 for 1914	
Shanghai Lands. t.105	b.	78,000 £50 all	98 Dec.	89 Oct.	106	101	Dividend of 6 p.c. for 1 year ending 30/6/15	
West Point Building Co., Ld. \$73	b.	12,500 \$50 all	73 June	66 Feb.	70	70	\$2 for half year ending 30/6/15	
H'kong Central Estates \$103	s.	10,000 \$100 all	—	103	100	100	\$4.09 for 2 months ending 31/12/14	
Cotton Mills.								
Ewo Cotton S. & W. Co., Ld. \$160	b.	20,000 £50 all	158 July	125 May	186	152	Tls. 12 for year ending 31/10/14	
Kung Yik. \$15½	s.	75,000 £10 all	142 Jan.	11 Mar.	17	13½	Tls. 1.20 for year ending 30/11/14	
Laou Kung Mow. 78	b.	8,000 £100 all	110 Feb.	70 May	89	60	Tls. 12 for 1913	
Shanghai Cotton. t.90	s.	40,000 £50 all	135 Feb.	70 Nov.	105	90	Dividend of Tls. 7½ for year ending 30/6/15	
Yangtzeopos. t.6½	n.	176,000 £5 all	—	—	62	62		
Miscellaneous.								
China Borneo Company, Ld. \$10½	b.	6,000 \$15 all	12 May	10 Dec.	18	10	85 cents for 1914	
China Light & Power Co., Ld. \$4.80	b.	50,000 \$5 all	4.90 July	4 April	4½	4½	6% for year ending 28.2.06	
Do. (Spec. shares)	b.	50,000 \$1 all	9 Jan.	7 Nov.	10.10	8.00	70 cts. for 1914	
China Prov. L. & M. Co., Ld. 9.80	s.	125,000 \$10 all	39 Jan.	35 Aug.	34	31	\$1.25 for year ending 31.7.15	
Dairy Farm Company, Ld. \$30	s.	40,000 £10 6	6.90 Jan.	5 Dec.	11	6.70	50 cts. for 1914	
Green Island Cement Co., Ld. 9.70	s.	400,000 \$10 all	6.90 Jan.	36 Nov.	45	39	\$2.00 per share for 1914	
Hongkong Electric Co., Ld. 44	s.	60,000 \$10 all	49 Jan.	36 Nov.	45	184	Interim of \$2 account 1915	
Hongkong Ice Co., Ld. \$19	s.	6,500 \$25 all	21/34 July	17 Dec.	190	184	Interim \$1 for year ending 30/6/15	
Hongkong Rope Mfg. Co., Ld. \$34	s.	6,000 \$10 all	25 June	22 Apr.	45	25		
Hongkong Tramway Co., Ld. 5½	b.	325,000 5/- all	3/7 July	7 Feb.	5.80	4.80	\$10% for 1914	
Langkata. 38½	b.	250,000 £10 all	64½ Mar.	28 Dec.	42	36½	Interim of Tls. 1 making Tls. 2 a/c 1913	
Peak Tramway Co., Ld. (Old) \$9½	b.	25,000 \$10 all	10½ Jan.	9½ June	10	9	70 cts. on fully paid shares and 7 cts. on \$1 paid shares for year ending 30/6/15	
Do. (New) 85 cts. b.	b.	50,000 \$10 all	93 cts. Jan.	75 cts. Dec.				

WAR TELEGRAMS.

(Continued from page 1.)

GREECE AND THE BALKANS.

ALLIES' DEMANDS REFUSED.

December 1, 8.30 p.m. The Star's correspondent in Rome states that Greece has notified the Allies that it is impossible to accept the demands for the Greek evacuation of Salonica and the Allied surveillance of the Greek coast, because this would be tantamount to a violation of Greece's neutrality.

THE ALLIES IN THE WEST.

FRENCH AIRMANS' SUCCESS.

December 1, 5.30 p.m. A Paris communiqué says that there has only been a vigorous French bombardment. A French aeroplane in Artois attacked two German aeroplanes, brought one down and chased the other to Douai. A French aeroplane dropped six huge bombs on the battlements near Lens station, doing serious damage.

FAVOURABLE REPORT FROM BELGIUM.

December 2, 1.40 a.m. Intense bombardments have been the feature on the entire Western front. The Anglo-French artillery in Belgium, according to a Paris communiqué, severely damaged the enemy's field works and made a breach of 30 metres in one redoubt. A German armoured train was beaten off near Rogné, while an infantry column was dispersed near Soissons.

THE DARDANELLES.

THE USUAL MINING ACTIVITY.

December 1, 5.30 p.m. There has been the usual mining activity at the Dardanelles.

THE FIGHTING IN THE BALKANS.

MACEDONIA SITUATION QUIET.

December 1, 5.30 p.m. The position in Macedonia is reported to be quiet. It is intensely cold.

MONTENEGRINS PLUCKY STAND.

December 2, 8.30 p.m. A Montenegrin communiqué reports: "We attacked in the region of Fotscha and defeated the Austrians, who retreated in disorder towards Gorazde."

ATTEMPT TO SURROUND MONASTIR.

December 2, 8.30 p.m. A report from Salonica states that the Serbians are holding Monastir. The Bulgarians are endeavouring to outflank the town from the south-east and if possible surround it. The thermometer in the French line is 15 degrees below zero centigrade. According to credible information, the Austro-Germans are falling back north, and proceeding to Bulgaria.

THE ITALIANS.

BREAKING DOWN ENEMY LINES.

December 2, 5.10 p.m. The Italians are busy consolidating their new positions. A Rome communiqué says that intense artillery bombardments are directed at breaking down fresh enemy lines. The Austrians bombarded and set fire to the civil hospital at Monfalcone.

PERSIAN AFFAIRS.

RUSSIANS CRUSH OPPosition.

December 1, 1.50 p.m. Reuter's correspondent at Petrograd quotes a telegram from a Novos Vremya correspondent to the effect that the Russians in Persia are crushing the opposition. On November 20, in the region south of Lake Urumian, a force of Turks and Kurds, after a sharp encounter, fled to Turkish territory. Karaj and Kengliman were occupied next day. The correspondent dwells on the failure of the Shah's Government to fulfil its pledges to suppress the hostile agitation and says the Germans, under the eyes of the Government, have transported from Teteran to Ispahan huge quantities of arms and ammunition. The entire region contiguous to the Turkish frontier is fortified. Except Prince Forman Firma the members of the Government favour the foes of the Entente and the Shah is powerless to oppose the overwhelming sentiment of the masses.

FREEDOM OF THE SEAS.

HOW GERMANY PRATISES IT.

December 1, 5.20 p.m. The Admiralty publishes a document showing that the Swedish Customs have to telegraph to Germany the sailings of all vessels saying there is no contraband aboard, while vessels must have clearance papers in both German and Swedish. All vessels leaving the Baltic are examined by a German patrol boat, which sometimes waits for hours. The Admiralty says this shows how Germany, when there is any opportunity for naval activity, practices the principle of the freedom of the seas for neutral commerce.

POST OFFICE.

As no opportunity for the despatch of Parcel Mails to Mexico is likely to occur for some time, parcels for Mexico will not be accepted until further notice.

Ships in communication with Cape D'Aguilar Radio Telegraph Station:-

Empress of Japan Tenyo Maru
Tjondari Maru
Kashmir

Correspondence addressed to enemy subjects in China, Siam, Persia and Morocco cannot be transmitted.

The Services to Germany, Austria, and the Ottoman Empire are suspended.

MAILS DUE.

Europe, Shantung, 5th Dec.

Europe, Kashmir, 5th Dec.

MAILS CLOSE TO-DAY.

Haliphong—Per CHUNGSANG, 3rd Dec.
5 p.m.
Straits—Per INVEROLYDE, 3rd Dec. 5 p.m.

TO-MORROW.

Pakhoi & Haiphong—Per KEIJO M., 4th Dec. 5 p.m.

America & Canada Mails—Japan via Nagasaki, United States, South America, and Canada via San Francisco & U. Kingdom via Canada—Per CHINA, 4th Dec. 11 a.m.

Straits & India via Calcutta—Per JAPAN, 4th Dec. 2 p.m.

Philippines Is.—Per LOONGSHANG, 4th Dec. 3 p.m.

Straits, & India via Calcutta—Per ON-SANG, 4th Dec. 3 p.m.

Ningpo, Shanghai & North China—Per FACING, 4th Dec. 3 p.m.

Holloway and Haiphong—Per LOONGSHANG, 4th Dec. 3 p.m.

Wel-hai-wei & Tientsin—Per CHEONG-SHING, 4th Dec. 3 p.m.

Shanghai & North China—Per LUOHOW, 4th Dec. 3 p.m.

(Europe via Siberia, Shanghai Br. P.O. Wednesday, 8 Dec.)

Wel-hai-wei & Tientsin—Per HUI-CHOW, 4th Dec. 3 p.m.

Swatow & Shanghai—Per HOPSHANG, 4th Dec. 3 p.m.

Shanghai, N. China & Japan via Kobe—Per FOOKSANG, 4th Dec. 3 p.m.

SUNDAY, 5th Dec.

Shanghai, N. China & Japan via Moji—Per KASHMIR, 5th Dec. 9 a.m.

Pakhoi & Haiphong—Per KAIFONG, 5th Dec. 9 a.m.

MONDAY, 6th Dec.

Straits—Per EUGENIA, 6th Dec. 9 a.m.

Hongkong—Per TJIATIAP, 6th Dec. 10 a.m.

Chinawangto—Per TUNGSHAN, 6th Dec. 11 a.m.

Batavia, Semarang, Sourabaya, Port TJIATIAP, 6th Dec. 11 a.m.

Shanghai, N. China—Per CHOYSANG, 6th Dec. 5 p.m.

TUESDAY, 7th Dec.

Swatow, Amoy & Formosa via Tamsui—Per KAUJO, 7th Dec. 9 a.m.

Swatow, Amoy & Foochow—Per HAL-MUN, 7th Dec. 1 p.m.

Siberia Mail—Shanghai and North China (Europe) via Siberia—Per YINGCHOW, 7th Dec. 3 p.m.

Europe via Siberia Shanghai Br. P.O. Saturday, 7th Dec.

Philippines Is.—Per TEAN, 7th Dec. 3 p.m.

Amoy, Shanghai & North China—Per TJIILWONG, 7th Dec. 3 p.m.

Formosa via Keelung Japan via Kuchinoera, Kobe, Victoria

Seattle, Tacoma, Vancouver, B.C. & United Kingdom via Canada—Per TITAN, 7th Dec. 11 a.m.

Shanghai, N. China—Per HOFSANG, 7th Dec. 6 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, 8th Dec.

Swatow, Amoy, Formosa via Tamsui and Asuncion—Per SOSHU MARU, 8th Dec. 7 a.m.

Haliphong—Per SUNKHANG, 8th Dec. 9 a.m.

America & Canada Mails—Formosa via Keelung, Shanghai, North China, Japan via Moji Victoria Vancouver, B.C. & United Kingdom via Canada—Per MONTEAGLE, 8th Dec. 11 a.m.

Milne—Per TJIATAREOM, 8th Dec. 3 p.m.

THURSDAY, 9th Dec.

Shanghai & N. China, Europe via Siberia—Per SHANTUNG, 9th Dec. 3 p.m.

(Shanghai Br. P.O. Monday, 13th Dec.)

FRIDAY 10th Dec.

Philippines Islands, Australia, Tasmania, New Zealand via Port Darwin, S. New Guinea via Thursday Is.—Per TAIYUAN, 10th Dec. 11 a.m.

Swatow, Amoy & Foochow—Per HAI-CHING, 10th Dec. 1 p.m.

SATURDAY, 11th Dec.

Sabah, Straits, Burmah, Ceylon, Adelaid, Western Australia, India, Aden, Egypt & Europe—Per POLYNESIEN, 11th Dec. 4 p.m.

TUESDAY, 14th Dec.

Philippines Is.—Per AMIN, 14th Dec. 3 p.m.

SHIPPING NEWS.

ARRIVED.

Van Spilbergen, Dut. ss. 3,000, de Murde, 2nd Dec.—Penang, 23rd ult. Gen. —J.C.J.L.

Chiphating, Br. ss. 1,180, H. G. N. Walker, 3rd Dec.—Tientsin, 27th ult. Gen. —J. M. & Co.

South Maru, Jap. ss. 1,110, A. Kobayashi, 3rd Dec.—Swatow, 2nd Dec. Gen. —O.S.K.

Japan, Br. ss. 3,805, O. P. Seddon, 3rd Dec.—Shanghai, 29th ult. Gen. —D. S. & Co.

Tippas, Dut. ss. 2,444, Lasp, 3rd Dec.—Manila, 4th ult. Gen. —J.C.J.L.

Hanyang, Br. ss. 1,207, Fucks, 3rd Dec.—Wuhu, 26th ult. Gen. —B. & S.

Yingchow, Br. ss. 1,223, E. S. Jones, 3rd Dec.—Shanghai, 30th ult. Gen. —B. & S.

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DEPARTED.

Dec. 2.

Dafang for Haiphong

Dafang for Bangkok via Swatow

Katori Maru for London via Swatow

Sui Kai for Kwang-chau-wan

Mishima Maru for Yokohama via S'hai

Takao for Haiphong

Vulcuna for Foochow via Amoy

Sinkiang for Shanghai

Osaka Maru for Haiphong

Choyang for Canton

Kashmir Maru for Canton

Choyang for Castor

Schmeen for Haiphong

ULMARANCES AT THE HARBOUR OFFICE.

Dec. 2.

Tungshan for Canton

Tungshan for Saigon via Swatow

D. C. 3.

Haiphong for Canton

Haiphong for Foochow via Amoy

Haiphong for Castor

Haiphong for Hainan

Haiphong for Tientsin

PASSENGERS ARRIVED.

Per ss. Chipping from Tientsin etc. Capt. & Mrs. Don.

PASSENGERS DEPARTED.

Per ss. Sardina for Europe—Messrs. D'Gourlay, J. T. Jeffery, S. F. Abbott, Mr. & Mrs. F. G. Cumming, Mrs. Golding, W. Ormeley, H. K. Holden, Mrs. H. Madras, Virocino, J. G. Carruthers, H. Joynton, Yeo Chiau Hock, Mrs. J. Grant, J. E. McClelland, Chan Lai Po, Lam Chan Son, Mrs. Chih So, Mr. Ng See, Mr. & Mrs. Lee Pock Ling.

T. F. CLAXTON, Director.

Hongkong Observatory, December 3.

1 Barometer, reduced to 32 degrees

Fahrenheit on the level of the sea in inches, tenths and hundredths.

2 Temperature, in the shade, in degrees Fahrenheit.

3 Humidity, in percentage of saturation

the humidity of air saturated with moisture being 100.

4 Direction of Wind, to two points.

5 Force of Wind, according to Beaufort Scale.

6 State of Weather, a blue sky, a

clouded cloud, a drizzling rain, fog, a

gloomy, a hail, lightning, a overcast, p

rain, showers, a squally, rain, snow,

thunder, a visibility, w. dew wet.